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SUBJECT: BSO TERRORIST CASE

REF: KHARTOUM 1520

1. HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM MEETING WITH FONMIN KHALID AT HIS REQUEST 10:30 PM JUNE 25 (REFTEL TIME APPOINTMENT IN ERROR). I CONVEYED TO HIM OUR DISMAY AND DISAPPOINTMENT AT RELEASE EIGHT CONVICTED MURDERERS AND READ HIM TEXT ACTING SECRETARY'S STATEMENT (STATE 136126). I ADDED THAT, AS HE KNEW, I ALSO HAD SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (SECTO 1) SEE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI WHICH I HOPED COULD BE ARRANGED SHORTLY AS I WOULD THEN BE RETURNING WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATIONS.

2. KHALID ASKED WHETHER I HAD SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR NIMEIRI FROM PRESIDENT OR SIMPLY WISHED REPEAT WHAT I HAD TOLD HIM. REPLIED I HAD SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM USG TO REQUEST IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT WITH NIMEIRI. FONMIN INDICATED IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT ARRANGE DURING NEXT 24 HOURS VIEW NIMEIRI'S

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TRIP WAD MEDANI BUT SAID WOULD SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE.

I AGAIN OFFERED DRIVE MEDANI IF APPOINTMENT COULD BE ARRANGED.

3. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION, I MENTIONED CONCERN AT MANNER IN WHICH WE HAD HAD TO LEARN OF THIS SURPRISING DEVELOPMENT. KHALID ASKED WHETHER MINSTATE AHMED HAD NOT EXPLAINED FULLY, TO WHICH I RESPONDED THAT AHMED HAD REFERRED TO "MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES". KHALID SAID HE WISHED ME KNOW MATTER WAS MORE THAN MECHANICAL. DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN SO RAPIDLY THAT IT HAD NOT EVEN BEEN POSSIBLE INFORM ALL CABINET MEMBERS ON NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, MUCH LESS OTHER MINISTERS. IN CLOSING, I AGAIN EMPHASIZED TO KHALID DEEP CONCERN WITH WHICH WE VIEW ACTION TAKEN BY GOS. KHALID AGAIN SAID WOULD ENDEAVOR ARRANGE APPOINTMENT FOR ME WITH NIMEIRI "OR SOME ONE DEPUTED BY HIM RECEIVE MESSAGE".

4. COMMENT. KHALID AT NO TIME SOUGHT EXPLAIN REASONS BEHIND GOS ACTION. AT ONE POINT WHEN I EXPRESSED CONCERN AT NOT RECEIVING COURTESY OF PROMPT INFO RE RELEASE PRISONERS, HE COUNTERED HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ADVANCE WORD RE OUR JUNE 25 STATEMENT "BUT WOULD NOT PRESS POINT". FONMIN'S PREOCCUPATION SUCH TECHNICALITIES , AS WELL AS HIS SPECIFIC QUERY WHETHER I HAD PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR NIMEIRI FROM PRESIDENT, SUGGESTS IT COULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ME SEE NIMEIRI NEXT 24 HOURS EVEN WITHOUT COMPLICATION PRESENTED BY WAD MEDANI TRIP. ACCORDINGLY, AS INDICATED REFTTEL, IF NO FIRM APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED WITH NIMEIRI BY 1600 HOURS LOCAL JUNE 26 REPEAT 26, I WILL PLAN DEPART FOR WASHINGTON UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.

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